

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph on page 1, lines 8-13 as follows:

-- International Patent Application No. WO 01/69593,
corresponding to U.S. Patent 6,925,434, discloses a parametric
encoding scheme, in particular a sinusoidal encoder, in which an
input audio signal is split into several (possibly overlapping)
time segments or frames, typically of duration 20 ms each. Each
segment is decomposed into transient, sinusoidal and random
components. It is also possible to derive other components of the
input audio signal such as harmonic complexes, although these are
not relevant for the purposes of the present invention.--.